

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N. BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
06-06-11

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

9-1-1 DIRECTOR

Commissioner Francis introduced Cliff Gardner. The 9-1-1 selection committee recommends that Mr. Gardner be hired as the 9-1-1 Director. Commissioner Faust expressed concern about Mr. Gardner being a Peru City Officer and the possibility of assumed preferential treatment to the City. Mr. Gardner understood the concern but assured the Board that the fact he is a City Police Office would not be an issue. He is not a push over and anyone who knows him knows that will not be an issue. Commissioner Francis said that had been a concern for him but after discussing with Mr. Gardner he felt it would not be an issue. Commissioner Francis also discussed it with the Sheriff and the Sheriff did not have any concerns. Commissioner Boyer has a concern about the South end of the County. The Converse Town Marshall has been very frustrated and Commissioner Boyer hopes that any problems there have be worked out. Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept Mr. Gardner as the new 9-1-1 Director. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 2-1 (Faust). Commissioner Faust said it was nothing against Mr. Gardner and he would support him as the new Director but he had to go with his gut.

VETERAN’S OFFICER/MUSEUM

Jay Kendall, Staff from the Miami County Museum and Patrick Mooney came before the Board of Commissioners with a plaque honoring the 2 Medal of Honor winners from Miami County. Mr. Mooney had come before the Board back in February requesting permission to do something to honor these two men. Jay Kendall, Veteran’s Officer will find an appropriate place to hang the plaque.

MIAMI COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Tom Luke, Program Director came before the Board of Commissioners to inform them about the program and its successes. Mr. Luke explained that due to funding cuts, he may not have enough money to continue the program. He referred to his favorite quote “If your area has a low level of educational attainment, you cannot build a fence high enough to keep your business and industry in. However, if your area has a high level of educational attainment, you cannot build a fence high enough to keep new business and industry out.” He presented statistics that showed there is a great need for this service in Miami County and a lot go on to attend Ivy Tech to further there education. Mr. Luke said he understands all budgets are pretty tight but he is begging for help from the County and he will be going to the City Council meeting this evening. Commissioner Boyer said he is all for the program and will take a look to see if there is any money available.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director and Don Cates came before the Commissioners to discuss the inter-local agreement between MCEDA and the County regarding the Hanger 200 project. The document listed the Council as the legislative body instead of the fiscal body but other than that everyone is ok with the document. Mr. Cates said the only other change is that MCEDA will set aside \$355,000 in a separate fund for a year’s payment in case of default by Baldwin (this is besides the \$110,000 per year that will be set aside in the maintenance fund). This will be incorporated into the inter-local agreement as well. Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve pending the changes. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Tidd updated the Board on Conforce. They have one line up and running and working on getting the 2nd line in operation.

Mr. Tidd also discussed the US 24 & Business 31 development that they would like to happen. They would like to declare this are an Economic Revitalization Area with up to 5 TIF areas. The plan has been approved by the MCEDA Board and the City Planning.

MCEDA will appear before the Board of Commissioners on June 13th. Each TIF area will be in a different phase of the project and each phase will fund the next phase. Mr. Tidd informed the Board that this project will not affect the current taxes collected in the area only the increases.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, brought the EMPG grant paperwork to be signed by the Board. This grant reimburses a part of the salaries for him and his assistant. The amount will be about \$7,000 lower due to the staff changes. Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the paperwork and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

NITRO CLEANERS

Nitro Cleaners just wanted to mention to the Board that he did not know that the County had the equipment for the outside work. When he submitted his bid he had calculated having to contract that part because he doesn't have the equipment available.

RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Recorder, asked the Board if they had revised the internet section of the Personnel Policy (reference to the VPN cards). The Board advised her they had not.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Ken Scott, Health Environmentalist, explained to the Board that he had condemned a property and when they went to clean up the property three years of human waste was found bagged up. He was prepared to pay \$200 to get rid of it but the bill ended up being \$400. It has to be disposed of properly so he asked the Board if they could pay the other \$200. Commissioner Faust made a motion to pay the other \$200. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller came in to ask the Board if the Health contract for the inmates had been approved. The Board will check with the County Attorney when he comes in.

Commissioner Faust asked the Sheriff what the equipment line in his budget is used for. The Sheriff responded that it is mainly used for computers in the cars, software updates and printers.

The Board also told the Sheriff they need to discuss the salary contract for 2012. It was also noted that the amount for the merit deputy retirement contribution was lowered to \$151,081 for 2012.

PITNEY BOWES

Scott Fisher, Pitney Bowes, came before the Board to inform them that there is an update needed for the software for the new machine in the Treasurer's office. The update will be provided at no cost to the County since the update is needed for the machine to do what they promised it would do. There were problems with the tax bills and Solid Waste bills. Commissioner Boyer said that the County will hold Pitney Bowes accountable to provide to the County what they promised to provide. Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the agreement and Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2-0. (Commissioner Francis was out of the room)

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Boyer informed Mr. Roberts that the Commissioners had agreed to sign inter-local agreement for the Hanger 200 project the corrections being made. Also reminded Mr. Roberts about the ordinance needed for the Treasurer.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Board received the monthly reports for animal control.

MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, asked the Board for permission to purchase envelopes for the Form 11's which will cost more than \$500. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mrs. McAuliffe also stated she will need to pay for postage and she will pay for that out of the Sales Disclosure Fund. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

On June 22nd there will be a regional meeting for Assessor's and the information that will be shared will be important to all of her staff so she would like to have Julie Sisson, Courthouse Float, oversee her office so they can all attend the meeting. After some discussion, Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to recess until 1:15 and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

RECESS

BACK IN SESSION

IDEM NOTICE

The Board received a notice from IDEM regarding Armour Eckrich regarding approval for the Air Quality permit.

MUSEUM

The Board received 2 bills from AMCO Elevators for the elevator at the Museum. One was for a test that was needed for the elevator and one was for a repair that is needed. Commissioner Faust made a motion to pay the bills (check Museum budget 1st and if not there check Cum Courthouse). Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

A request from Linda Harp, Chairperson for the Miami County Tea Party, to hold a Flag Day Ceremony June 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse was received. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow. Commissioner Faust 2nd that motion and it passed 3-0.

CANAL LOCK AND SAFE

The Board received a bill from Canal Lock and Safe for keys and locks. Commissioner Faust made a motion to pay and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

CREATION OF NEW FUND

The Auditor brought a copy of I.C. Code 36-2-7-19 sec (2) which has been amended by HB 1061.1.2 which states "the County legislative body shall before July 1st, 2011, establish a county elected officials training fund. Commissioner Faust made a motion to create the fund. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2-0. (Commissioner Francis was out of the room).

BUDGETS

The Board of Commissioners went over the budgets they oversee for the 2012 budget year. The Board will set up a work session with the Miami County Council to start reviewing all of the budgets.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Vice Chairman**
H. Jon Faust

_____, **Member**
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____ **Auditor**
Jane Lilley